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FRIST'S BETRAYAL

Pro-lifers were outraged when Senate Majority Leader William Frist declared his support for embryonic stem-cell research. Adding insult to injury, the Senator still calls himself pro-life.

Having spent time with Senator Frist, whose passion for medical missions I find admirable, I am deeply disappointed. It makes no sense to me and it dooms his hopes of becoming the true conservative choice for president in 2008.

Specifically, Frist opposed the president by announcing his support for stem-cell research which requires the destruction of viable human embryos.

Frist says he sees significant potential medical advances in these experiments. But that would imply that the ends do justify the means - which brings us to life-boat ethics where certain individuals (usually the powerless) are sacrificed for what is proclaimed to be the greater good.

That's not what the Bible says, my friends. It demands that we protect innocent human life, regardless of the hypothetical benefits to be derived from its destruction.

I agree with David Stevens, executive director of the 17,000-member Christian Medical Association, who observed that embryonic stem-cell research "would turn living human beings into commodities for exploitation."

AMERICANS WANT A CONSERVATIVE COURT

The media often tell us that the American people want a Supreme Court that will protect so-called abortion rights. But polls that probe a bit deeper indicate widespread public dissatisfaction with the current liberal court.

In a mid-July survey, commissioned by The American Family Association and American Values, when asked if they wanted a "more conservative" Supreme Court, or a more liberal court, the public endorsed a more conservative court by 50% to 31%.

In answer to the question: Who do you like better, "a justice who strictly applies the intent of the law without regard to his or her own policy views" or one "who corrects policies that he or she believes to be wrong, even if that requires overruling the intent of elected representatives," the public picked those true to the intent of the law (or the Constitution) over judicial activists by 60% to 31%.

Finally, huge majorities expressed opposition to recent decisions of the Supreme Court, lower federal courts or state courts that constitute legislating from the bench:

- Protecting access to partial-birth abortion (65% disapprove)
- Prohibiting public display of the 10 Commandments in most circumstances (69% in opposition)
- Mandating gay marriage (60% against)
- Declaring "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance unconstitutional (81% opposed)
- And allowing homes and businesses to be taken for private use (89% disagree)

Clearly, the people are upset with activist judges and want a judiciary that reflects their values and respects both legislative prerogatives and the Founders' intent. President Bush has promised to use his constitutional powers of appointment to give us a more conservative judiciary. The American people are saying that's exactly what they want.

CBS ADDICTED TO TERM "FETUS"

Nowhere is media bias more prevalent than on the issue of abortion. Here, language is crucial.

For example, The New York Times is incapable of saying the words "pro-life." For its reporters and editors, those of us who agonize over the destruction of 1.3 million unborn children in this country each year, are always "abortion opponents."

In coverage of the miracle story of the baby girl (can I say that?) born to a woman who was pronounced brain dead three months ago, the bias was palpable. It's typical media procedure to refer to an unborn child as a child only if it is wanted. In this case, several media outlets exceeded even this egregious standard.

On the day little Susan Anne Catherine Torres was born, CBS reporter Thalia Assuras offered the following background: "Husband Jason Torres spoke to CBS News in June about his decision to maintain his wife on life support at the Virginia Hospital Center at Arlington, Virginia, until the fetus reached viability." The mother and father both wanted Susan Ann -- the usual prerequisite for using the expression "unborn child." At this point, the girl had been born. Still, the reporter felt compelled to retrospectively refer to the child as "a fetus," thus denigrating its humanity.

If The New York Times was owned by the National Abortion Rights Action League, and CBS was a subsidiary of the National Organization for Women, the bias could hardly be worse.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Special Event

On August 23rd (starting at 6:30pm), Vision America will hold a Greater East Texas Enough Is Enough Citizenship Rally at the Maude Cobb Convention Center (100 Grand Blvd., Longview, Texas). The event is open to the public. I am honored to be sharing the podium with Former Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore – The Ten Commandments Judge – on this occasion. The topic will be judicial tyranny.

Annual Gala

Tickets are still available for Vision America's annual Heroes of the Faith Gala, August 25th at The Westin Galleria Hotel in Houston, VIP and General Receptions start at 6:15pm, dinner at 7:00pm. This year's honorees are U. S. Senator Sam Brownback, Texas State Representatives Warren Chisum and Robert Talton and Pastor Steve Riggle. Donations include: Patron -- \$2,500, Table Sponsor -- \$1,500, Host Couple-- \$500 and individual tickets (one dinner) -- \$120. To purchase tickets or for more information, go to www.visionamerica.us or call 713-980-3274 or 866-522-5582.

Countering The War on Faith

Vision America's next major conference - Countering The War on Faith - will be held in Washington, D.C., on October 17-18.

Help us fight the Judicial War on Faith - Get involved by following the action items above and by forwarding this alert to your friends and family. Your financial contributions are always appreciated. [Click here to contribute.](#) Dr. Rick Scarborough is the president of [Vision America](#) and acting chairman for the [Judeo-Christian Council for Constitutional Restoration.](#)

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